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In re Application of)
John C. Reed)
Serial No: 09/350,518)
Filed: July 9, 1999)
For: A METHOD FOR DETERMINING)
THE PROGNOSIS OF CANCER)
PATIENTS BY MEASURING)
LEVELS OF BAG EXPRESSION)

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: J. Hunt

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 1, 2002, entry of the following Amendments and consideration of the following Remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 11, 16, 25, 27, 32, 34 and 44 as follows:

E 16
11. (Amended) The method of claim 16, wherein said level of BAG-1 expression is determined by measuring the amount of BAG-1 protein product using an immunoassay.

E 2
16. (Amended) A method for prognosis of disease-free or overall survival of an individual having a breast cancer tumor, comprising determining, using a BAG-1 specific antibody, the